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"THE BLUE FOX"

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Synopsis of Episode Eight..... "A PERILOUS LEAP"

Just as the Justice of Peace has weakened under the torture of John Densmore and Hawk Baxter, and promised to perform the ceremony that will make Ann Calvin the wife of Densmore, there is a sudden commotion. Robert Winslow and Tarka drop into the room through the skylight. A terrific fight follows during which Tarka manages to slip the fox skin to Ann and tell her to hide on the roof until they can come to her. Ann makes her escape from the room by starting hand over hand across a wire to an opposite building. Baxter sees her attempt at escape and cuts the wire. Ann drops into the vacant lot between the buildings and is knocked unconscious by her fall. Baxter hurries from the room to search for her. Meanwhile Robert and Tarka overpower John, Red and the lodging house keeper and forcing them into the smaller room, lock them in. Then Tarka and Robert go to the roof to look for Ann. Baxter finds Ann in the vacant lot and gets the fox skin from her. Then he hides her in a corner of the alley and goes for a taxi, intending to kidnap Ann and force her to help him find her father's fortune. As Baxter arrives back in the taxi to pick Ann up, John and Red join him, having broken through the door of the smaller room. From the roof, Tarka and Robert see Baxter, John and Red drive away in the taxi with Ann. They hurry down and securing a taxi, start in pursuit. In and out of the heavy traffic, the chase continues with thrills at every corner. Finally Baxter and John get quite a lead on Robert and Tarka and race for the station, intending to catch a train for the north. But as they cross the bridge over the tracks, Ann regains

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consciousness and jumping from the taxi, leaps from the bridge to the top of a freight train as it passes under the bridge. Baxter and John and Red drive down into the train yards and swing aboard the freight as it leaves the yards. After several efforts to catch the train, Robert and Tarka race for Crescent City, planning to beat the freight there and rescue Ann as the freight pulls into town. Meanwhile Ann has climbed down into the caboose and persuaded the brakeman to let her ride on to the next town. But just as she sits down, feeling safe from pursuit, Baxter, John and Red enter the caboose. With ready tongue, Baxter persuades the brakeman that Ann is his niece and that she is half-witted. The brakeman tells them they may ride on to Crescent City. Ann feigns sleep, watching for a chance to escape. Finally that chance comes, and as Baxter and John are deeply engrossed in deciphering the signs on the fox skin, Ann jumps to her feet, snatches the skin from them and makes her way to the top of the train. Baxter, John and Red start in pursuit. After a thrilling chase across the top of the speeding train, the men succeed in cornering Ann. Without a moment's hesitation, she jumps. Red jumps after her while Baxter and John hurry to the brakeman and demand that he stop the train. The brakeman refuses, telling them that the engineer has just whistled for the water tank and that they can get off there. Meanwhile Red has started running after Ann. She reaches a high bank over the river and hides in the heavy branches of a tree that overhangs the river. There she is safe for a moment. Baxter and John leave the freight at the water tank and start back down the tracks searching for Ann.

Suddenly, Red catches sight of Ann. He runs toward her and she swings out on to the overhanging tree limb and then drops - to land  
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